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Our Christian World Mission

to minister in His name . . .

WILL YOU BE THERE

through the mission of your church?



TEACHING HEALING PREACHING SERVING

AT HOME AND ABROAD

OUR CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT

**LET EVERY MEMBER
SUPPORT HIS CHURCH**

**LET EVERY CHURCH
SUPPORT OUR MISSION**

Rev. Serge F. Hummon Succeeds Dr. Hotchkiss

Rev. Serge F. Hummon, Oak Park, Ill., has been elected secretary for the Town and Country Church, Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board, recently announced.

He replaces Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss as Town and Country secretary. Dr. Hotchkiss is now a general secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Mr. Hummon comes to this position from the Wisconsin Congregational Conference where he served as assistant minister of the conference from 1951 until September 1958.

Mr. Hummon will work with small town and rural churches throughout the United States and will consult with his denomination's regional organizations on rural church matters.

Born in Perrytown, Texas, on June 27, 1917, Mr. Hummon did his undergraduate work at Ohio Wesleyan where he was graduated in 1939. He attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City from 1939-40 and received his B. D. from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1945. Mr. Hummon has also done graduate work in rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin.

He was ordained into the Congregational Christian ministry at Hudson, Mich., on June 24, 1945. Mr. Hummon is married to the former Doris Taylor and is the father of two sons, Norman Paul and David Mark.

Mr. Hummon will have his offices in Chicago, Ill., at 19 S. LaSalle St., rather than New York where the department was previously housed. The move to the midwestern city is part of a plan to decentralize the Board's service to town and country churches.

Robert W. Hendrix Ordained To Ministry

Rev. Robert W. Hendrix was ordained to the Christian ministry at a Service of Ordination on Sunday, September 7, 1958 at Williams Chapel Congregational Christian Church, Waycross, Georgia.

Reverend Edward Knight, moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference and pastor of the host church, presided at the service. The sermon

Action Commission Report

Because I am Action Commissioner of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship, I was in the Action Commission at the first National Joint Youth Council. Each of the delegates and advisors was placed in one of the three commissions. Also, each delegate was assigned to a group of twelve people, call a "Cube"—this was our "Family group." After the cube meetings, the cube members would go to their respective commissions and report on their cube findings to the entire Action Commission. The Action Commission was primarily concerned with discovering the real meaning of the "Action" part of our PF statement of purpose, and with expressing and examining the basic needs of young people to which the Action Commission could and-or should speak.

We first listed what we considered the basic needs of young people and then we began to place these needs in "Areas of Concern." From all of the "Areas" that we listed, the Action Commission had to select four which will be the National PF-YF emphases of our commission for the next two years. After much debate and discussion, these were selected as the four special emphases:

1. Decisions for Peace.
2. Racial and Cultural Problems.
3. The Middle East.
4. Christian Citizenship.

This was my first opportunity to attend a National Youth Council, and I was impressed by the entire delegation. There were approximately 350 young people there from all over the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico: young people who are the leaders in all kinds of school, social, and civic activities; young people whose accents and drawls caused them to laugh at each other. Yet, each one of these young people was very devoted to his task at National Council.

—Patsy Yancey

was delivered by Rev. Dr. R. H. Booth, Congregational Christian minister of Fernandina, Florida. The Reverend Earl V. Hand, Reverend Henry Abbott, and Rev. H. V. Boruff also participated in the service.

A member of the Williams Chapel Church, Mr. Hendrix is serving as pastor of the Union Hill Congregational Christian Church, Pearson, Georgia.

Rev. N. M. Guptill At Ministers' Convocation

Rev. Nathaneal M. Guptill, associate secretary and minister of the General Council, Congregational Christian Churches, and co-secretary of the United Church of Christ, will be the guest leader at the Minister's Convocation, November 18-20.

Mr. Guptill, pastor of the First Church (Congregational) in Newton, Massachusetts, from 1954 until he came to his present post, was formerly assistant professor of Church Administration and director of field work at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary.

He now directs the denomination's Department of the Ministry, overseeing recruiting, training, and maintenance of standards for parish ministers.

Mr. Guptill will conduct a course on the ministry at the convocation and will lead the discussions on the various phases of the ministry.

The convocation will be held at the Southern Union College, Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 18-20.

Rev. H. C. Henderson Called To Soddy-Daisy Parish

The Rev. Harold C. Henderson, who graduated from the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University in 1957, assumed the pastoral duties of the Soddy-Daisy Congregational Christian Parish on October 1st.

For the past three years the Rev. Mr. Henderson has served as associate minister of the Pleasant Hill Congregational Christian Church. While attending Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, he served as a student pastor. Mr. Henderson graduated from Defiance College in 1954.

He was ordained by the Northwestern Ohio Association of Congregational Christian Churches on June 9, 1957.

Mr. Henderson served three years in the U. S. Air Force in the Statistical Control (IBM) Section. Shortly after his discharge he was married to Miss Sally Shepherd of Louisville, Miss. They have two sons—Royce Earl, 5, and Martin Gene, 3.

For the past four years Mr. Henderson has been associated with the General Shoe Corporation of Nashville, Tenn.

When You Build Your Church

By Rev. Annie R. Campbell

This summer I had the opportunity of attending the **CHURCH BUILDING and Architecture** workshop at the National Christian Education Conference at Purdue. Dr. S. T. Ritenour, executive director of the Department of Church Building for the National Council of Churches, was the instructor. Our own Mr. William K. Newman, secretary of the Church Building Department of our Congregational Christian Churches, was also present. I would like to share with you some of the ideas I received there, and from some of my reading before and since then.

First, the church must be a real Christian fellowship before it can build a church. This fellowship must have a sense of mission and urgency. There will be fears and doubts in the minds of many when a church is considering a building program, but such a program may become a dynamic expression of Christian faith and bring new life to the church. Materials on church building and architecture should be passed around for the members to read and assimilate. They might write their names in the books as they read them. Committee members need to be carefully appointed according to their abilities. It is good to involve as many people as possible in the early planning stages. When the executive committee has its final plans in shape, they should always be referred to the total church membership for adoption before actual building begins.

Some Modern Trends

There are many trends, but I will mention only a few.

Form follows function. Instead of considering the outside looks of a building first, the church should look over its needs and reasons for expanding. Are the present facilities inadequate? Is the membership likely to be static? Are you in a growing community? Are you reaching the people who need to be reached? What are the population trends? What is the program of the church? Do you have many week night activities or services? What space is needed for them? Then you plan to build according to your needs, making the building fit your program.

It is best to build on a **single level**. As Dr. Ritenour says, "Build up, only when you can't build out." There are many reasons for this. For one thing, you may heat only the unit which you are going to use at a certain time. Children and older people find it difficult to climb many steps. With the one floor level, the best use may be made of the out of doors in the seasons when this can be done.

Instead of small class rooms and small classes, the trend is for **larger classes and larger class rooms and a multiple use of space**. In some cases even movable partitions, such as Modernfold, are used so that if a class expands the room may be made larger with little trouble. This is particularly helpful when an especially large class keeps moving up and a small one may follow it. Instead of "cubby hole" class rooms of about 8 X 10, each with a teacher, larger class rooms, more like the public schools, are recommended. One teacher is in charge with additional helpers. In this way, some things are done together, and some are done separately in committees with the helpers assisting according to the interests and abilities of the children. Pupils learn by doing. "It is claimed that pupils actually learn only 10 per cent of what they hear, 50 per cent of what they see, and 90 per cent of what they do." (C. Harry Atkinson)

Light and color have a physical and psychological effect upon human behavior. The direction of the outside exposure of light, its intensity and the size of window openings, affect the value of colors in a room. The rooms for children need sunlight, at the time when they will be using them. A good church plan which suits one situation in one part of town might be completely wrong just across town in another location — if the building has a different light exposure which makes the children's rooms dark and the sunlight shining directly into the preacher's eyes as he preaches.

Are You Making the Best Use of Your Present Space?

Much may be done just by rearranging what you have, even in a one room

church to stimulate more active participation of your class, particularly with children and young people. Instead of three or four straight rows of pews with the teacher standing in front of them, the pews may be arranged in various ways so that the pupils face each other as well as the teacher. This helps to make for more discussion when the members of a class can look each other in the eye. A folding table would be needed for children, or if space does not permit, a drop-leaf table might be built on the back of a pew. Another class might meet behind the piano, if necessary, using the back to fasten pictures or other visual aids.

If you have a good sanctuary and are planning to build an addition, but cannot afford everything you would like to have, may we suggest the following—

I. **ONE LARGE ROOM of not less than 30 ft. X 40 ft.** Such a room could certainly be one of **multiple use**.

1. **For Sunday School Classes on Sunday.** From four to six classes might be held in this room. The wall space or corners could be used for the teacher and for pictures on the wall. The pupils face the teacher, and-or the worship interest against the wall and not the rest of the room. The Reverend Miss Leila Anderson, one of our National Christian Education directors, would speak of this as the "huddle" group idea. Portable storage cabinets, mounted on casters and high enough for the pupils not to see over, might serve as room partitions. The backs of these could be used by the opposite class as a bulletin board or as a place to fasten pictures. Folding tables, or tables which may be adjusted to different heights, would be a good investment. They could be low for the children or made higher for church suppers, using

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Superintendent's Corner

On this page is the list of the churches of the convention with their suggested Our Christian World Mission goals for the new year (1959).

This list was prepared by the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education after consideration of each church. There are representatives of each conference and association on the committee.

Each church and pastor has received a letter from the committee and copies of the form on which the Church Pledge can be made. How marvelous it would be if each church would act on this matter within the next two months so that every pledge would be on hand before January 1st! Don't let your church be the last to get its pledge in.

On the opposite page is a list of all of the conferences and conventions in our fellowship of churches along with the average per member gift for home expenses and benevolences. The Southeast Convention does not rank at the bottom of the list. Neither is it at the top. Let's move up! We can do it!

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THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 4-18 — Annual Association and Conference Meetings
OCTOBER 26 — (Waycross)
NOVEMBER 2 — Evarts

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Suggested Goals — 1959

Central Alabama Association

East Tallassee Liberty	750.00
Eclectic Union	39.00
Eclectic Watson Chapel	39.00
Mt. Creek Union	78.00
Seman, Balm of Gilead	52.00
Seman Community	26.00
Tallassee Mt. Olive	130.00
Thorsby United	182.00
Total	\$1296.00

East Alabama Association

Alexander City Antioch	39.00
Alexander City Hunt	156.00
Ashland Bethel	104.00
Cragford Mt. Carmel	12.00
Dadeville Elder	104.00
Daviston McGuire's Chapel	24.00
Delta Wesley's Chapel	12.00
Five Points State Line	96.00
Goodwater Oak Hill	12.00
LaFayette Pleasant Hill	156.00
LaGrange Hillside (Ga.)	182.00
Lanett	2,000.00
Lanett Huguley	182.00
Langdale	2,000.00
Lineville Dingler's Chapel	12.00
Lineville New Harmony	50.00
Lineville Shady Grove	12.00
Lineville Spring Hill	12.00
Phenix City United	780.00
Phenix City Russell Woods	104.00
Pisgah	52.00
Roanoke First	475.00
Roanoke Antioch	360.00
Roanoke Bethany	52.00
Roanoke Forest Home	104.00
Roanoke Lowell	260.00
Roanoke Mt. Zion	52.00
Roanoke New Hope	104.00
Roanoke Rock Stand	182.00
Roanoke Rock Springs	78.00
Shawmut Todd	52.00
Wadley	520.00
Wadley Beulah	78.00
Wadley Corinth	24.00
Wedowee Caver's Grove	24.00
Wedowee Noon Day	78.00
West Point Bethel (Ga.)	165.00
Total	\$8709.00

North Alabama Association

Arley Robertson's Chapel	30.00
Birmingham Pilgrim	780.00
Garden City	230.00
Hackleburg Fairview	78.00
Haleyville Union Grove	78.00
Houston Liberty Hill	30.00

Moulton Jones Chapel	12.00
Steele Mt. Lebanon	36.00
Steppville Mt. Grove	156.00
Town Creek Liberty	24.00
Trinity Caddo Friendship	78.00
Total	\$1532.00

South Alabama-NW Florida Association

Andalusia Antioch	414.00
Andalusia Cold Water	26.00
Andalusia New Home	15.00
Andalusia First	158.00
Brantley Liberty	65.00
Brantley, Indian Creek Com.	52.00
Clio New Hope	130.00
Headland Blackwood	422.00
Midland City Christian Hill	36.00
Baker, Good Hope	276.00
Baker Pyron's Chapel	24.00
Bonifay New Effort	276.00
Crestview Dorcas	276.00
Floralda Cluster Springs	24.00
Total	\$2195.00

Georgia-South Carolina Conference

Ambrose Christian	180.00
Atlanta Center	276.00
Atlanta Central	3600.00
Barnesville Fredonia	208.00
Baxley Friendship	276.00
Bowman Liberty	36.00
Braselton Macedonia	36.00
Bristol Antioch	36.00
Buford Duncan's Creek	104.00
Chipley Oak Grove	520.00
Columbus First	345.00
Columbus United	78.00
Crest Hebron	130.00
Demorest Federated	400.00
Doerun New Light	36.00
Doerun Poplar Arbor	36.00
Douglas First	90.00
Enigma Christian	52.00
Fort Valley First	24.00
Fort Valley Society Hill	36.00
Gaillard Pleasant Hill	12.00
Hampton County Line	78.00
LaGrange United	1050.00
Meanville	24.00
Oxford Sardis	84.00
Pearson Union Hill	208.00
Richland First	78.00
Richland Providence Chapel	12.00
The Rock Bethany	12.00
Tifton First	18.00
Tifton Vanceville	148.00
Waycross Williams Chapel	180.00
Woodbury Jones Chapel	104.00

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When You Build . . .

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different length legs of the screw pipe kind.

2. **For Church Suppers and Family Night Programs.** A room like this could be used the year round for this purpose, regardless of the weather. The same tables would be used on Sunday.
3. **For Church Plays and Visual Aids.** A temporary platform could be made using sturdy tables with the pipe legs adjusted at their lowest.
4. **For Fellowship and Recreation.** This is one reason the room should not be long and narrow. Active circle games for young people or for the children in Vacation Bible School, on rainy days, cannot be played very well in a narrow room. There are times when larger space is needed to entertain groups from other churches. The room needs to be large enough for church suppers. These kinds of things help to bring about a better church fellowship as the members work and play together and become better acquainted.

II. A KITCHEN — either another room

World Mission . . .

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Charleston Circular (S. C.)	1200.00
Total	\$9707.00
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference	
Corbin Pilgrim	104.00
Evarts First	500.00
Stearns Community	130.00
Chattanooga Pilgrim	3,300.00
Crossville First	475.00
Daisy First	300.00
Deer Lodge	69.00
Glenmary	78.00
Knoxville First	3,000.00
Nashville Brookmeade	600.00
Pleasant Hill Community	750.00
Robbins Barton Chapel	184.00
Soddy First	245.00
Total	\$9735.00
Alabama & NW Florida	13,732.00
Georgia-S. C. Conference	9,707.00
Kentucky-Tennessee	9,735.00
Grand Total	\$33,174.00

beside this large room or temporarily a corner area of this large room.

III. A ROOM OF NOT LESS THAN 15 ft. by 20 ft. **FOR THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS.** These children need a room to themselves more than any other class in the whole Sunday School, unless it be the Nursery Group. Their interest may be more easily distracted by outside happenings. There are a number of things to remember about little children when you build considering their special needs. Please note the following — **THE SMALLER THE CHILD the more space he needs** (25 to 35 sq. ft. per child), the larger the objects he needs to handle, the more active he is, the shorter the period of time he can be expected to concentrate on one thing, and the lower the windows need to be. So, if anyone must be put in a small room, let it be the adults, for they can sit still and it is not necessary for them to have to move about. A child's muscles are not developed to do fine work and handle small things. Pictures need to be placed at the "eye level" of the child in his room. A child needs to be able to look out of the window at God's world. Low windows tend to "overcome feelings of confinement and undue restriction so disturbing to the very young." (C. Harry Atkinson) If hooks are placed on the wall for them to hang their coats, a shelf should be built right above them for their hats and other things, to keep the child from running into a hook and injuring

his eyes. Heating outlets should also be shielded for the protection of the child.

IV. **REST ROOMS** — easily accessible, without having to go through a class room to get to them.

V. **A PASTOR'S STUDY**, if possible. He needs this for study and to receive the members of the church and others with their problems.

When you can afford to build more, of course you will want to have nice large rooms for each class or department in the Sunday School.

Helpful references for YOU—

July-August 1955 issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education*, special issue on **Equipment for Religious Education**. 1 copy 35c. Editorial, Circulation and Advertising Offices, 79 Adams, Chicago 3, Ill. **Building and Equipping for Christian Education** by C. Harry Atkinson. (\$3.50)

The Southeast Convention office has a copy of this which you may borrow.

How to Make Church School Equipment by Thelma Adair and Elizabeth McCort. (\$1.25) The Pilgrim Press. SEC has a copy.

Church Building Leadership, Bureau of Church Building, National Council of Churches of Christ, 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, New York. (30c)

Filmstrip in color with script, **Making the Most of Rooms and Equipment**. Available from SEC Office, Atlanta.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN AVERAGE PER MEMBER GIFTS BY CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS FOR 1957

Conference or Convention	Aver. per Number for Home Expenses and Benevolences		
California, Northern	\$51	Michigan	\$44
California, Southern & S. W.	\$56	Middle Atlantic	\$51
Central South	\$53	Minnesota	\$49
Colorado	\$40	Missouri	\$59
Connecticut	\$44	Montana	\$40
Convention of the South	\$12	Nebraska	\$40
Florida	\$69	New Hampshire	\$39
Hawaii	\$31	New York	\$56
Illinois	\$48	North Dakota	\$41
Indiana	\$38	Ohio	\$45
Intermountain Convention	\$41	Oregon	\$48
Iowa	\$38	Pennsylvania	\$34
Kansas	\$45	Rhode Island	\$52
Maine	\$37	South Dakota	\$35
Massachusetts	\$48	Southeast Convention	\$38
		Southern Convention	\$31
		Vermont	\$36
		Washington	\$52
		Wisconsin	\$38

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Huguley Church In Building Program

The Huguley Church is making much progress. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Nelson, is a busy man promoting the building program and the work in general.

The work has already started on the new educational building. The foundation has been laid and the building is going up at this writing.

The building will be 30 x 49 feet and will include a basement having a kitchen, fellowship hall, and rest rooms. The upper floor will be used for general educational purposes. The church has hired a foreman to oversee the work and some labor will be hired. Much of the labor is being furnished by the men of the church.

Mr. Homer Wilkerson has been appointed to serve as the spokesman for the church to consult with the foreman. Mr. Wilkerson is a member of the Building Committee.

The Women's Fellowship and the Pilgrim Fellowship have joined in with the church in raising funds for the building program. The Laymen's Fellowship is donating the labor.

Two more Memorial Stained Glass Windows have been donated to the church. A Dedication Service was held on Sunday, September 7th. This leaves only two more windows to be donated.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the church entertained the Valley Young People's Rally on Sunday, August 31st. The Rally was well attended by the other youth groups and an excellent program was presented.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 18 — Work Day for Christ
October 19 — Laymen's Sunday
World Order Sunday
October 26 — Reformation Sunday
November 2 — Women's Fellowship Day
Women's Fellowship sponsor
Southern Union College Day
November 7 — World Community Day
November 18-20 — Ministers' Convocation

Vanceville Church Reports Numerous Activities

The Vanceville Church has had a busy time this summer. The young people, now back in school, made book-racks for the hymn books. The racks, varnished the same color as the pews and of sturdy material and construction, have been fastened to the back of the pews.

The young people were assisted in this project by two or three adults. In the month of July the young people also remembered a little boy in the Congregational Christian Home for Children, Elon College, N. C., on his birthday.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave of the Southern Union College was the guest preacher for the revival services which began on August 11th. Dr. Van Cleave brought inspiring messages that are certain to bear fruit for the church in the months ahead.

The Daily Vacation Bible School, which ended on August 29th, was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Henry Abbott. Adult members of the church served as teachers. Even though many of the prospective students were busy in the cotton fields, 34 children received certificates and 20 other boys and girls attended at least part of the time. It was a fine school for a rural church. The Sunday School attendance has increased.

United Student Fellowship

Six young persons represented the Southeast Convention area at the United Student Fellowship meeting in August. The gathering was held at Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Betty Slater, president of the Convention USF, Miss Suzanne Warren, newly appointed secretary of the group and a freshman at Southern Union, along with Miss Patsy Coile, of Knoxville, Raymond Rymph of Nashville, and Johnny Van Cleave and Lowell Kenady of Southern Union, attended.

The USF is the organization of our college students. There are active units at Southern Union, Knoxville, and Nashville.

Roanoke First Church Missionary Society Meets

The ladies of the First Congregational Christian Church, Roanoke, Ala., had the first meeting of the new year with the president, Mrs. Hillis Sheppard, and Mrs. Mervin Harper as co-hostesses.

Following the business, Mrs. Harper gave out the new yearbooks and announced the theme for the year's work — "What Doth the Lord Require of You?"

The president, in her opening remarks, urged each member to use her talents, though small they may be, during the coming year as expressed in the purposes for the year.

Mrs. LeRoy Dunson gave a beautiful devotional using as her subject, "To Walk Humbly with God."

Mrs. Olin Sheppard, Evangelism and Spiritual Life Chairman, had charge of the program. Mrs. Carlos Adcock, Mrs. N. L. Littlefield, and Mrs. K. M. Payne took part in the program.

The hostesses served a dessert plate to the 21 members present. Later Secret Pals revealed their names and gifts were exchanged.

South Alabama Association Completes Year Of Progress

This year the Moderator of the South Alabama Association, Rev. Kermit Harris, has visited all of the churches and ministers of the association who have extended an invitation to him.

The New Home Church, Andalusia, has been reactivated and capably administered by Rev. E. H. Hemby. Rev. Ralph Worley has come to Blackwood Church, Headland, from Dorcas Church in Florida, and Rev. Warren Blankenhorn has transferred from the Georgia Conference to serve the Antioch Church, Andalusia. Welcomed into the fellowship has been Rev. Warner Noles, who is serving the Crestview, Dorcas Church.

The Moderator has constructed distinctive illuminous signs for each church in the association that has need of a sign.

HERE AND THERE

Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union College, was the speaker at the Homecoming Service at Elder Church on Sunday, September 7. The young people's choir and the children's choir rendered special music for the service.

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The Reverend John D. Schofield, pastor of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church, was the recipient of a surprise birthday celebration on Sunday night, September 7.

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Willie McGill of Lanett was re-elected President of the E. Alabama-W. Georgia Churchmen's Fellowship at the meeting held on August 30th at East Tallassee.

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Rev. John D. Schofield of Lanett has been elected vice-president of Lanett's Ministerial Alliance.

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The Hampton County Line Church celebrated Homecoming on Sunday, September 14th. Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. was the guest speaker.

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The corner stone for the new church building at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., was to be laid on Sunday, Oct. 5th.

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Plans for a new church building were to be discussed by the Pilgrim Church, Corbin, Kentucky, on Sunday, Sept. 28th.

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Rev. and Mrs. Alfred G. Peacock, formerly at Interlachen, Florida, are now at home at 38 29th St., Columbus, Ga. Mr. Peacock is the new pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church, Columbus.

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Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Hurst have moved from Washington, D. C., to 711 Mokapu Road, Kailua, Hawaii. Mr. Hurst is a former professor at Elon College and pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga.

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Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin, Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, and Rev. Herman Ritter, St. John's United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed), Birmingham, planned to exchange pulpits on Sunday, October 12.

Dr. Frederick Louis Fagley

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Louis Fagley, eminent churchman and associate secretary emeritus of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, died August 25 at his summer home in Sunapee, N. H. He was 79 years of age.

Dr. Fagley retired after thirty years as associate secretary in 1948. However, he remained active, turning his interest and talent to the positions of secretary of the Congregational Christian Historical Society and editor of "Daily Devotions."

In 1919 Dr. Fagley became executive secretary of the Commission on Evangelism. Three years later he was named associate secretary of the National (General) Council of Congregational Churches.

Dr. Fagley was born in Bethel, Ohio. After graduating from Evansville College in Indiana, he received a Master of Arts degree from Oberlin College and the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. He has served both as a professor of philosophy and as a pastor.

In collaboration with the late Gaius Glenn Atkins, Dr. Fagley wrote the widely known "The History of American Congregationalism."

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Hortense Martin Fagley; two sons, Richard Martin and Robert Earl Fagley; a daughter, Mrs. William A. Coury, and eight grandchildren.

When Dr. Fagley retired from the General Council executive staff in 1948 he was presented with an illuminated manuscript by the executive committee of the General Council. It read in part as follows:

"Gratitude is in our hearts as we consider the ministries of Frederick Louis Fagley to the churches of our faith and order, to American Protestantism and to the people in his generation. We who have labored with him in intimate relationship prize him for that breadth of sympathy which has made him uniquely the pastor to our pastors, the counselor to our counselors

. . . . "We desire to make a lasting record of the esteem in which we hold him as a workman in the kingdom of God."

Dr. Harry Thomas Stock

The Rev. Dr. Harry Thomas Stock, general secretary of our Division of Christian Education, died on August 30 at his home in West Medford, Mass. He was 66 years of age.

Dr. Stock was born in Springfield, Ill. He graduated from Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., in 1914 and from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1916. Later both institutions conferred honorary doctoral degrees on him. Dr. Stock earned a master's degree in education from the University of Chicago in 1917.

For five years he served as professor of church history at Chicago Theological Seminary and then became secretary of the department of young people and student life of the Congregational Education Society. He held this post until becoming general secretary of the Division of Christian Education in 1938. His offices were at 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

During the years Dr. Stock served as secretary for youth work, outstanding progress was made in the program. Through the materials he wrote and distributed, through his visits to local churches and his consultations with other leaders he laid a firm foundation for the present youth and student program across the nation.

It was during these years that the summer conference movement developed. First experiments were in New York, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Soon the state conferences were gathering hundreds of young people on college campuses and at camps for study, worship, and fellowship. And it was the young people's department of the Education Society which was the medium through which common purposes were developed and a sense of national unity was established.

Through all the years since 1938, when Dr. Stock became general secretary of the Division of Christian Education, his major effort was to give every Congregational Christian Church School the best possible curriculum materials. And his devotion to that goal has been making his influence felt in the lives of thousands of our church young people who never knew his name.

Dr. Stock is survived by a daughter, Catherine C. Stock.

HILLSIDE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

LaGrange, Georgia



The Hillside Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Georgia, recently moved into its new \$35,000 church building.

The Dedication was observed on Sunday, September 7, 1958. The sermon at the Sunday morning service was delivered by Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, Dean of Southern Union College. The Dedication Sermon in the afternoon service was brought by Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the

Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches.

Rev. Roy Chatham, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Also participating were Rev. Raymond W. Berry, pastor of United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Mr. Wade Prince, secretary of the church, Mr. Alvin S. Davis, Director of Public Relations of the Callaway Mills, Mr. W. A. Gibson, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Mr. D. D. Mathews,

chairman of the Board of Deacons.

The building includes the sanctuary, six classrooms, two choir rooms, the pastor's study, and two rest rooms on the main floor. A large fellowship hall, the kitchen and the furnace room are located on the lower level.

The church is most attractive inside and out and is a credit to the church, to the community, and to our Congregational Christian Churches.